

attitude is much appreciated. It is different. I don't agree that these bills are not LB 775 repeated, even though Senator Lindsay's comment about if it walks like a duck, talks like a duck, quacks like a duck it's a dog. (Laughter.) Notwithstanding, this is...yes, it is a dog, but if it's a dog it's a dog just about the same as LB 775. The difference is, the difference is that there has been a willingness to talk about some amendments and to make some amendments. And 775, I remember we did adopt one amendment, and at that point ConAgra talked about shutting the lights off and leaving the state. We haven't had that this time, and I appreciate the Speaker's willingness to be open to amendments. I also want to praise the Department of Economic Development and the Director, Maxine Moul, because she, too, has been willing to be open-minded and work with us on this, and I have the greatest respect for her and believe that whatever is passed she'll do a great job in implementing. But I come back to the concern about the economic development warfare between the states that's occurred, that we are at war with other states and competition for businesses, and the price we pay in that competition is one that we must be willing to bear. Sometimes when you win in these wars the casualties are so high that the question has to be asked who really does win and who really does lose in some of these competitions. Now, we lost a couple of times, with BMW and Mercedes, and some of those states that got those projects are now wondering exactly how much benefit they have brought to their states. Now, hopefully we will win the Micron war and the price we will pay for that will not be so high, but it will be a positive gain for the State of Nebraska. That is my hope and I think all of our hope. But the fact that last night we took out the cost-benefit analysis that Senator Warner had put into the bill and the Revenue Committee put into the bill raises deep concern for me, because if nothing else it was a symbol that this Legislature had recognized that in these fights, in these battles for business there is a cost as well as a benefit, but there is a consequence to winning the war and bringing in a company. We see it here in Lincoln all the time. We have had great growth in the state, particularly in Lincoln and Omaha. And here in Lincoln, I'm sure in Omaha and other places as well, the consequence has been schools that cannot adequately meet the needs of students, that we have had to have Quonset huts set up on our grounds and tried to teach our students in this fashion. We've had increased property taxes, and still we can't meet the demand. We have new schools being built, we cannot keep up with the increased enrollment. And now we have a consequence being a